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FOLLOWING REPEAT LISBON 2012 ACTION SECSTATE MAY 21ST

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SUBJ: COSTA GOMES COMMENTS ON AZORES NEGOTIATIONS

1. SUBJECT OF THE AZORES AROSE DURING MEETING MAY 20 BETWEEN
NUMBER TWO JUNTA MEMBER GENERAL COSTA GOMES AND POLAD
CINCLANT SWANK AND DCM. GENERAL COSTA GOMES EXPRESSED
CONFIDENCE THAT, FOLLOWING RECENT CHANGES IN PORTUGAL,
THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN BRINGING AZORES
NEGOTIATIONS TO A PROMPT END POSSIBLY BEFORE AUGUST
DEADLINE. WHILE AMBASSADOR THEMIDO WAS IN POSSESSION
OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, THE
MATTER WOULD NOW HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE NEW
FOREIGN MINISTER. GENERAL COSTA GOMES DUCKED THE
QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HIS OPTIMISM ABOUT ANY EARLY
CONCLUSION TO THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS WAS RELATED TO
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AN EVOLUTION OF THE AFRICAN PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD

REMOVE AFRICA FROM CONSIDERATION IN THE AZORES
NEGOTIATIONS. AMBASSADOR SWANK OBSERVED THAT U.S.
WAS NOT PRESSING FOR AN URGENT SETTLEMENT OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS AND DCM NOTED THAT TALKS COULD PROCEED
BEYOND THE AUGUST DATE IF NEITHER SIDE
DECLARES THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE ENDED WITH A
NEGATIVE RESULT. GENERAL COSTA GOMES ACKNOWLEDGED
BUT DID NOT COMMENT ON THESE OBSERVATIONS. SCOTT
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